

# A "Better Way" for the GOP, the **WRONG WAY** for America

## Successful Poverty-Fighting Programs at Risk

The Republican "Better Way" says that our anti-poverty programs have failed, and need to be replaced. But those anti-poverty programs have reduced real poverty in the United States by 40 percent since the War on Poverty began.

### Social Security

Republicans have proposed to privatize and cut Social Security, the benefits that American workers earn to protect themselves and their families from falling into poverty if they die, become disabled, or when they retire.

***Social Security lifts 27 million Americans out of poverty, including 1.6 million children.***

### The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Despite past praise from Speaker Ryan, Republicans blocked Democratic efforts to expand the EITC during last year's budget negotiations and did not include the EITC in their "Better Way."

***The EITC, together with other refundable credits, lifts 9 million working Americans out of poverty and reduces poverty for 22 million more. The National Bureau of Economic Research estimated that every \$1,000 increase in the EITC increases employment by 7.3%.***

### Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)

The Republican budget could end SNAP benefits for 13 million Americans, the vast majority children, seniors, and working families.

***SNAP lifts 10 million Americans out of poverty and lifts over 5 million out of deep poverty.***

### Housing Assistance

Republican budget cuts mean that housing assistance reaches less than a fourth of families that are eligible for assistance. But for the families it does reach, housing assistance has a powerful anti-poverty effect.

***More than a third of the 10 million Americans receiving housing assistance are lifted out of poverty.***